

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
(Alexandria Division)**

GABRIELLE BARBOUR

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRICK B. GARLAND, United States Attorney General

Defendant.

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Case No. 1:21-cv-00883  
(PTG/JFA)

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL**

COME NOW Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.1(G), Plaintiff Gabrielle Barbour and Plaintiff's Counsel Juli M. Porto, Esquire and the law firm of Blankingship & Keith, P.C.; Kelley Simoneaux, Esq. and the law firm of The Spinal Cord Injury Law Firm, PLLC; and David J. Shaffer, Esq. and the law firm of David Shaffer Law, PLLC; and jointly and respectfully request leave for Plaintiff's Counsel to withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff in the above referenced matter. Plaintiff Barbour requests to proceed *pro se*.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel respectfully request that the Court grant Plaintiff's Counsel leave to withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff and for such other relief as the Court deems necessary and appropriate.

Dated: August 29, 2024

Respectfully submitted,  
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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby CERTIFY that on this 29th day of August 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will then send a notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

In addition, I served Plaintiff via email at the following address:

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